tensions. Some specific steps being taken by India in this regard are:

(0 India is expanding and improving its own Technical and Economic Cooperation (HEC) programme, which currently covers over 60 developing countries so as to make it more effective and purposive.

(ii) At the Nonaligned Summit held in Balgrade in September, 1989, India played a leading role in the establishment of a Summit Level Group of 15 countries for South-South Consultations and Cooperation.

(iii) India is fully supporting the South Commission which has been set up, among others, to review the present state of South-South cooperation and to make recommendations for expanding and strengthening it. India hosted tha last meeting of the South Commission in New Delhi in November, 1989.

(iv) The Nonaligned Movement's Centre on Science and Technology has reently bsen set up in India, It is expected to become an important instrument for fostering cooperating among developing countries in the field of science and technology.

(b) The SAARC provides the forum for regional, copperation in economic, social, technical and cultural areas, among the member countries and is thus an important aspect of South-South cooperation.

(c) India has advocated and worked for the adoption and implementation of schemes for greater people-to-pcople contact, free flow of information, harmonisation of policies in critical areas of cooperation and for ths inclusion within the scope of SAARC, of core economic sectorssuch as trade, industry, money and finance.

Target for setting up of low power transmitters

272. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFOR MATIoN AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets of setting up of low Power Transmitters during the last two years of Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether these targets have been fulfilled;

(c) if, so, what are ths details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reaosons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) 292 low power/very low power TV transmitters and transposers were scheduled to be commissioned into service during the last two years of Seventh Plan, *i. e.* 1988-89 and 1989-90. Where as 264 of those transmittcrs/transposers have been so far commissioned into service, the remaining ones are at various stages of implementation.

Second channel in Doordarshan Kendras

273. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING ba pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal at present to have second channel in Doordarshan Kendras of Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what arc the reasons therefor ?